



As more people become conscious of how humans are affecting the planet, opportunities abound for college graduates to make a living protecting the Earth. This scholarship was created to provide assistance to Central PA high school seniors pursuing degrees in fields related to environmental science and sustainability. It is meant for young women and men who aspire to make a difference as well as a salary. Areas of study must contribute to the integration of environment, economy, and social systems into a sustainable future where humans and nature exist in productive harmony.

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

1. Graduating high school senior from a high school in Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Lebanon, or Perry counties
2. Plans to pursue a field of study such as Environmental Science, Environmental Studies, Environmental Engineering, Sustainable Architecture and Design, Sustainable Business, Sustainable Public Policy, Sustainable Urban Planning, or Sustainable Technology. Majors not clearly relevant to sustainability will not be considered
3. Plans to attend a two- or four-year school as a full-time student
4. Preference will be given to students attending college in the state of Pennsylvania
5. Evidence of good character
6. A minimum GPA of 3.0
7. Financial Need

## HOW TO APPLY

The application process is online. You can access and submit the application beginning January 1.

[Click here](#) to access the online application.

*If you are signing back in to complete your application, please [click here](#).*

***Before accessing the application, be prepared to attach the following items:***

***\*\* YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO SUCCESSFULLY SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION UNTIL THESE ITEMS ARE ATTACHED \*\****

1. Student Resume: [Click here](#) to download the fill-in Word document that you should complete, save, and attach to your application.
2. FAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR): Please attach the report in its entirety. This report must include the Estimated Family Contribution (EFC). Please be aware that the SAR is **not** the same as the Summary Report. In addition to the SAR, you may also provide a letter with information you believe will be useful in determining your financial need (e.g., family and student income). Are there extenuating circumstances of which we should be aware? For example, illness in the family, loss of employment, or other relevant information?
3. Personal Essay: In a sustainable world, humans and nature exist in productive harmony to support the well-being and quality of life of future generations. How is your chosen field of study relevant to this world vision, and how do you see your intended career path contributing to it? 300 words minimum, typewritten, 12 pt. font, double spaced.

***The following requirements must be emailed to [scholarshipapplications@tfec.org](mailto:scholarshipapplications@tfec.org) separately. These items will not appear as attachments to your online application or prevent you from submitting:***

***The following requirements must be emailed by your school's counseling office:***

1. *Official Transcript.* Home schooled students should submit a detailed grade report.
2. *School Counselor Form.* [Click here](#) to download the form

***The following requirements must be emailed by your personal references:***

1. *Three (3) Personal Reference Letters.* At least one letter should be from a high school teacher on school letterhead. Letters from family members will not be accepted. ***All reference letters must remain confidential.***

## RENEWABILITY

This scholarship is a one-time only award.

## MATCHING AWARD OPPORTUNITIES

*AES/PHEAA's PATH Program:* Scholarship recipients are eligible to have their awards matched on a dollar-for-dollar basis by AES/PHEAA's *PATH ("Partnerships for Access to Higher Education") Program*. PHEAA may grant matching funds to scholarship recipients who are enrolled in an approved Pennsylvania college or career school as an undergraduate student on at least a half-time basis, who are a Pennsylvania state grant recipient and who demonstrate financial need. Students must also be a resident of Pennsylvania, not in default on any educational loans, maintain academic progress, and not be considered an incarcerated student. The match provides last-dollar support for tuition and fees. *Scholarship funds used for reimbursement of textbook purchases are not eligible for a PATH Program match.* The scholarship recipient's information is submitted to PHEAA by TFEC staff. No additional work will be asked of the scholarship recipient. For more information regarding AES/PHEAA, please refer to their website at [www.pheaa.org](http://www.pheaa.org).